

The Weather

Forecast: Fair Sunday and Monday; frost Sunday morning, followed by rising temperature.

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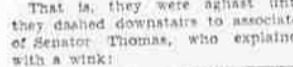
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TRANSIENT SLAIN, ASHLAND FIGHT



By Paul Mallon. Copyright, 1935, by Paul Mallon. WASHINGTON, May 11.—It appears Father Coughlin has become the nation's greatest furnace man of all time.



That is, they were agitated until they dashed downstairs to associate with Senator Thomas, who explained with a wink:

The excuse officially offered was that the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars were to increase temperatures both inside the White House and congress.

It will be denied, but it is nevertheless a fact that Coughlin did not change a senatorial vote on the inflationary bonus bill.

However, this will not shake Coughlin's reputation as a furnace man. One element of leadership is to find out where the army is going and then slide out in front of it and take it there.

Imagine the New Dealers trying to save Mellon from unfavorable publicity! It may be incredible, but it is controllable.

The facts seem to be that the eagle eyes of the federal trade commission detected a violation of the coal code involving sale of five cars of coal at below code price.

The FTC brought the matter privately to the attention of the NRA for action, but the NRA protested in conference between the two agencies.

The answer to this softheartedness of the NRA was toward Mellon tax modifications. The United Mine Workers, who now have representation on the NRA board, also have wage contracts with the so-called Mellon coal interests.

But perhaps the best answer is that such a program is involved and Mellon never heard anything about it.

There will be only two more tests of the New Deal in the supreme court case session: (1) The Wheeler-Leuke farm mortgage law, and (2) the children's NRA case.

JOHN ROTH HELD FOR CLUBBING OF SMITH TO DEATH

Murder Follows Quarrel Over Evening Meal—Prisoner Arrested Near Talent, Claims Self-Defense—Witnesses Held.

A reputed quarrel between two transients over how the evening meal should be cooked resulted in one being beaten to death at Ashland Saturday evening about seven o'clock and the other being charged with first degree murder.

A man giving the name of John Roth, 28, of Bangor, Maine, was arrested as the slayer of J. J. Smith, 44, address unknown.

Officers who arrested Roth alleged that the transient admitted hitting Smith a death-dealing blow over the head with a wooden club, but claimed that the murdered man struck him first, assertedly threatening him with a razor blade with which he was shaving.

State police, the sheriff's office and Ashland city police were investigating the case last night. The prisoner was arrested about two hours after the fight on the railroad tracks near Talent.

Ten transients who claimed they saw the fight and the death of Smith were being held in the city jail in Medford last night for investigation.

The argument started, Roth is quoted as saying, about 7 o'clock, two hours after Roth and Smith arrived in Ashland on the freight train from Weed, Cal., according to Ashland police.

Chief Talent said that the prisoner made a statement in which he claimed that Smith started the fight by knocking him down, threatening to slash him with the razor. Roth then admitted picking up the piece of wood and using it for a club with which he battered the other transient's skull.

A state police officer from Medford and District Attorney George Coddling were in Ashland last night clearing up the case, before making a formal charge against Roth.

Roth was brought to Medford late last night in custody of state police and Sheriff Syd I. Brown, to be lodged in jail here. An inquest will probably be held Monday.

Portland Marine Strikers Relent

Portland, Ore., May 11.—(AP)—Striking maritime workers of Portland voted to return to work on all tankers providing their employees agree to arbitration and discharge the non-union seaman now employed. It was announced here today.

C. E. Carter, local business agent of the International Seamen's Union, said the count had not been completed but all unions involved in the tanker strike had voted by a fairly large majority to return to work under the conditions stated.

The vote was ordered by Harry Lundberg, president of the Pacific Coast Marine Federation.

Cabbage Plants Ready

The Medford SERRA offices yesterday announced that cabbage plants will be available on Tuesday for those who are on the relief rolls, including those who have already received garden seeds.

LEAD FIGHT FOR BONUS



Senator Thomas (left), Oklahoma Democrat, and Representative Patman, Texas Democrat, talking over the victory in the senate of the Patman bill to pay World War Veterans a bonus with \$2,000,000,000 of new currency.

SENATORS FIGHT RATE LINK TWIXT NORTHWEST DAMS

Steiner And M'Nary Claim Action Blocks Lowest Power Rate From Bonneville Dam.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—(AP)—Following a conference with Secretary Ickes today, Senators McNary and Steiner, Oregon Republicans, charged that resolutions of the public works board were being interpreted by government officials to make it mandatory that the Bonneville and Grand Coulee projects, on the Columbia river, be linked in arriving at a rate for electrical energy.

The Oregon senator said Dr. Mead's stand on the proposal was that Grand Coulee should be made a high dam, primarily for irrigation purposes and then there would be no necessity of linking the two projects for rate-making purposes.

Steiner said Grand Coulee as a low dam would be a losing proposition and there would be an unfavorable reaction toward the administration if it were forced to stand alone.

If a high dam is constructed at Grand Coulee, Steiner said, the problem will be solved and there will be no necessity of linking the two. It simply means, he added, that the Oregon delegation will have to become active behind the project in order to assure the benefits of the cheapest possible power rates from Bonneville for consumers of power from that dam.

Fair and Normal Week's Outlook

Fair Sunday and Monday, frost and south portions Sunday morning followed by rising temperature; humidity below normal; moderate southwest wind off the coast.

San Francisco, May 11.—(AP)—Weekly outlook for period May 13-18.

For western states: Generally fair with normal temperatures, but unsettled at times in Washington, northern Idaho and northwestern Oregon; considerable fog on California coast.

BORAH LEADS NEW DRIVE FOR BONUS AND CHEAP MONEY

Huey And F. Coughlin Take To Air, While President Plans Veto Message On Fishing Trip.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—(AP)—A cry from Senator Borah (R., Idaho) for "cheap and abundant money" today set off a week-end barrage of friends and argument by which Borah stepped into the controversy as Huey Long and Father Charles E. Coughlin, of Detroit, took to the microphone to rally public support for the bill which would pay the veterans with newly-issued currency.

Each side gained a vote today, but the net result was to make the chance for the bill to pass over a vote even slimmer—it takes two votes for every one against to set aside a presidential veto.

With the battle growing more spirited, President Roosevelt got away from it all by taking a week-end fishing trip. He was accompanied however, with house and senate leaders who were expected to consult with him on the drafting of a veto message.

Even with the president away, telegrams continued to deluge the White House urging the chief executive to sign the bill. Telegraph companies estimated they were arriving at the rate of about 250 an hour.

A quick denouncement was promised by leaders of the fight for the bill. They announced they would probably release the measure from the senate Tuesday night to let it go to the White House for the president's expected veto.

WASHINGTON, May 11.—(AP)—A bill to do an electric power business—so broad as to appear unlimited at first study—today was vetoed by President Roosevelt in a "rural electrification administration" he created under the \$4,000,000,000 relief program.

The executive order over Mr. Roosevelt's signature generally was interpreted as opening a new field of direct federal activities in power. Objections saw only one immediate check on this development—the amount of cash available.

In so many words Mr. Roosevelt directed the new electrification administration "to initiate, formulate, administer and supervise a program of approved projects with respect to the generation, transmission and distribution of electric energy in rural areas."

Under one interpretation, the new bill, "REBA" was believed able to build or acquire lines to power plants of the Tennessee valley authority, thus short-cutting a federal credit institution against sales of TVA power.

Supplementing and bolstering the sweeping grant for "generation, transmission and distribution" was authority in the executive order for REBA "to acquire, by purchase or by the power of eminent domain, any real property or any interest therein" in addition to selling or leasing property.

NEW YORK, May 11.—(AP)—Declaring himself humiliated by Mae West's refusal to acknowledge him as her husband, Frank Wallace, a vaudeville actor, today asked the supreme court to back up his claim.

Wallace obtained an order from Justice Ernest E. L. Hammer serving notice on the movie star that he had applied for a declaratory judgment affirming his status as her husband.

He wants the world to know, the actor said, that he is not the impotent man Mae West made him appear to be when she drew "my fiery heart of the guy."

On hearing that he contemplated such action, Mae West said last night in Hollywood that "he'll just have to come up sometime and see my lawyer."

JURY DEADLOCKED IN LAMSON CASE, VERDICT DISTANT

Seven To Five For Acquittal Asks For Exhibits In Stanford Campus Murder.

SAN JOSE, Calif., May 11.—(AP)—After deliberating a little more than 6 hours, the jury holding in its hands the fate of David Lamson, charged with wife murder, went to dinner today, with no prospect of an early verdict in sight.

Most of the morning had been spent in waiting for exhibits to be requested to be sent to the jury room, including pictures, the piece of pipe with which the prosecution charged Lamson bludgeoned to death Mrs. Allene Thorne Lamson Memorial day, 1933, a skull, charts, a rubber doll and a blood-spattered clothes hamper.

Reports were current today of a first ballot showing the jury stood seven to five for acquittal, but this was without confirmation.

Seven men and five women today debated the fate of David Lamson in his second trial, for murder.

Unlike the jury in Lamson's first trial, which brought in a death verdict for the 32-year-old former Stanford University Press executive only a few hours after it had been given there was no prospect of a verdict last night and accordingly were ordered to bed at 10:30 p. m.

Five verdicts were possible under the instructions, which Judge Byer read to the jurors:

Conviction of first degree murder without recommendation, the same verdict as returned in Lamson's first trial, which carries a mandatory sentence of death; conviction of first degree murder with recommendation of life imprisonment; conviction of second degree murder; conviction of manslaughter or acquittal.

Prosecutor A. P. Lindsay hurried his final argument to a conclusion in the afternoon. He did not mention the death penalty by name but concluded his appeal after a brief conference with associates with the words:

"Well, we'll put it this way—we ask for the extreme penalty."

WASHINGTON, May 11.—(AP)—With echoes of a thunderous welcome still in his ears, Rear Admiral Richard Evelyn Byrd turned tonight to the quiet of a Mother's day with his family at his Virginia home.

Without ostentation, almost shyly, the explorer moved about the capital today to see old friends and pay official respects. Then with his wife and children, he motored to his mother's home at Winchester, Va., for the week-end.

The Admiral and his wife, after spending a night at the White House as the guest of the President, called early today on Secretary Swanson, principally to "talk over old times."

WITH THE U. S. FLEET IN PACIFIC MANEUVERS, May 11.—(AP)—The greatest aircraft force ever sent to sea rides with the U. S. fleet in the secret maneuvers in the north Pacific.

For the first time four aircraft carriers are together under command of the highest ranking naval officer to fly a flag in the American navy, Vice Admiral Henry Varnum Butler, elevated to the new grade just before the maneuvers.

Starts 100 Fires

GENERAL HOLIDAY NEXT WEDNESDAY FOR CCC FORCES

Two years of accomplishment in the Medford CCC district will be celebrated Wednesday when all companies participate in "organization day" activities.

A general holiday has been declared by Major Clare H. Armstrong to celebrate the district's second anniversary May 15. The holiday is made possible through the cooperation of the forest and park service agencies who have charge of the work projects.

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Companies began pouring into the district and 15 camps were established for the first period, one of which was moved to the Eugene district north of Medford.

The speed with which the army organized its end of the district was duplicated in the park and forest service offices, and together the agencies established an efficient and harmonious district.

The first company to arrive here was Co. 925, at Camp Applegate, which after two years is being moved to Camp Jordan Valley in Moho.

Co. 1747, Elk Creek, commanded by Capt. Charles H. Bassett, 3rd Inf. Co. 1647, Camp Ingram, Capt. R. A. Case, 7th Inf.

Co. 1922, Pistol River, Capt. James Casey, 7th Inf. relieved early by First Lieut. Robert H. Soule, 7th Inf. Co. 1585, Moon Prairie, Capt. Joseph Church, Inf-DOL.

Co. 1653, Wineglass, Capt. Carlisle B. Cox, 8th Cavalry. Co. 1642, Lake of the Woods, Capt. Guy H. Dozier, FA-DOL.

Co. 1645, Camp Byr, Capt. George E. Fitzgerald, Inf-DOL. Co. 964, Camp Agness, Capt. Myron J. Rockwell, 10th FA.

Co. 1921, Camp Wolf Creek, Capt. Thomas N. Stark, 30th Inf. This camp was shortly transferred to the Eugene district.

Co. 1746, Camp Kerby, Capt. Harold E. Stone, 4th Inf. Co. 1652, Government Camp, Capt. Christopher C. Strawn, Cav-DOL. Co. 966, Cliff Springs, Capt. William A. Wapenstein, Inf-DOL.



Robert Bruce Driscoll (above), 43, confessed to Seattle, Wash., police he had started more than 100 fires in the city because he was "sore at the world." Driscoll, police said, admitted setting fires causing an estimated damage of \$300,000.

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OREGON MOTHERS ASK ABOLISHMENT CHANCELLOR POST

Resolution Deems Office 'Unnecessary Expense' And Not Justified By Results—Elect Officers For Year.

EUGENE, May 11.—(AP)—The immediate abolishment of the office of chancellor of higher education was called for in a resolution passed unanimously by the Oregon Mothers club, an organization of mothers of university students, at their annual mass meeting, with most of approximately 900 who are campus visitors for the annual mothers' week-end in attendance.

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Income Shares

Quarterly income shares 1.26 bid; 1.42 asked.



WILL ROGERS BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., May 10.—As this editorial was written we have 48 naval planes on their way from Honolulu to the Midway islands. This flight is not only going to be great training for the navy fliers, but it's going to drive millions of Americans to a geography. The reason they didn't send 50 planes was there is only room on the island for 48.

The way you tell a navy plane from an army plane is the naval planes are made to land on the land and the army has the ones that are made to land on the water. These boys are getting over there pretty close to Japan. I look for the next Japanese maneuvers to be held off Catalina islands.

Will Rogers